

PLENIPOTENTIARIES OF BELLIGERENT POWERS

Preparing to Assemble in America's Capital to Discuss Terms of Peace at Request of President Roosevelt.

Paris, July 26.—M. Witte, Prof. D. Martens and a number of officials making up Russian plenipotentiary party left Paris this morning for Cherbourg, where they will sail on the North German Lloyd line steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse this evening.

RUSSIA ENVOY LEFT FREINDLY FRANCE TODAY

Cherbourg, July 26.—M. Witte, who is to act as chief Russian plenipotentiary in the coming peace conference with the Japanese representatives at Portsmouth, N. H., sailed for New York today on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse of the North German Lloyd line. Prior to going aboard the steamer M. Witte received a budget of official dispatches from the imperial government at St. Petersburg, also a number of messages conveying the good wishes of friends in the Russian capital. He was accompanied to Cherbourg by the Russian ambassador at Paris and by several members of his family.

M. Witte takes with him to America a considerable party of advisers and

secretaries. Included in the number are Prof. de Martens, the famous authority on international law of the University of St. Petersburg; M. Pankov, formerly Charge d'Affaires at Peking; M. Shipoff, director of the Russian treasury department; M. Kozlov, formerly secretary of the legation at Peking; Major General Yermoloff, military attaché at London, and M. Nabokoff and M. Samoiloff of the Russian foreign office.

JAPANESE MINISTER VISITS THE PRESIDENT

Oyster Bay, July 26.—Minister Takahira, of Japan, one of the Japanese envoys to the forthcoming peace conference was a guest of the president for a part of the day. The minister said his mission to the president this time concerns the peace negotiations, but it would be impossible to discuss the matter for publication. Arrangements are being made by the state department for the reception of the peace envoys by the president. The reception will probably take place not at Sagamore hill, but on board the cruiser Mayflower, in Oyster Bay.

BUILDING AND LOAN LEAGUE ASSEMBLES

In New York City by the Hundreds Today to CONSIDER MUTUAL INTERESTS

New York, July 26.—Several hundred delegates filled the assembly rooms of the Murray Hill hotel this morning when the thirteenth annual convention of the United States League of Local Building and Loan associations was called to order by A. L. Guthrie, of Shelbyville, Ind., president of the organization. The delegates came from as far south as Louisiana and Texas and as far west as Colorado. Every paper for the program for the entire session will be presented by the writers. The indications are that the attendance at the session will equal, if it does not exceed, that at any previous meeting. President Guthrie called the meeting to order at 9:30 and introduced Mayor McClellan, who made the welcoming address. President Guthrie responded briefly and then delivered his annual address.

After the appointment of the usual committees, Secretary H. F. Cellarius of Cincinnati, made his annual annual and statistical report, showing the association to be in good condition. Later in the day the association listened to an address on "Interest and Usury," by L. E. Emmons, of Quincy, Ill., and another on "Withdrawals of Money from Building and Loan Associations," by George F. Gilmore, of Omaha, Neb.

EASTERN HORSE SHOW DRAWS MANY HUNDREDS

Long Branch, N. J., July 26.—Society thronged to Hollywood park today for the opening of the annual Monmouth county horse show. All classes this year are well filled and the exhibition promise to be an unequalled success from all points of view.

ALEXANDER GOES OUT AND MORTON REMAINS

New York, July 26.—At a two hour session of the directors of the Equitable Life Assurance society today, the resignations of former President James W. Alexander and Nevada B. Stranahan, as directors, were accepted. Paul Morton was elected president of the society retaining, it is understood, the chairmanship as well.

EMPEROR WILLIAM LOOKING FOR TROUBLE

Copenhagen, July 26.—A formal intimation was received by the court today of Emperor William's intention to visit King Christian at an early date.

FUNERAL CEREMONY OVER LAMONT'S REMAINS

Millbrook, N. Y., July 26.—In the presence of the family and many men high in public and private life, simple funeral services were conducted over the body of former Secretary of War Daniel S. Lamont today. Immediately after the ceremonies the body was transferred to a special funeral train for New York. Interment will be in Woodlawn cemetery. Among the prominent people present were former President Cleveland and Mrs. Cleveland, Postmaster General Cortelyou, David B. Hill, former comptroller of treasury, James E. Eccles and others.

STEAMER ROOSEVELT IS PLODDING NORTHWARD

North Sidney, N. B., July 26.—The steamer Roosevelt with Commander Perry on board, started from here on the voyage towards the North Pole this afternoon.

COTTON TAKES UPWARD TENDENCY

When Government Report Shows Large Decrease of Acreage TWELVE TO FOURTEEN POINTS

Washington, D. C., July 26.—The department of agriculture's report on the cotton acreage issued at noon today, shows a decrease of 14.9% as compared with last year.

SHORT INTERVIEWS

Gallup All Right. John S. Spears and little son, Charles P., came in from Gallup last night and both were pleasant callers at The Citizen office this morning. Mr. Spears is here on business, and will probably return to Gallup tomorrow these summer days," said Mr. Spears, "and every merchant, although expecting better times the coming fall and winter, are not even now complaining. As is well known, Gallup and vicinity have wonderful resources and the inexhaustible supply of coal, and while at the mine, or a small force is at work, the opening of fall will no doubt see the force trebled in numbers. Several parties are again agitating the subject of finding oil, and acres are being relocated on the Navajo Indian reservation."

Back From Jemez Hot Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Graham, as announced yesterday, have returned from their vacation enjoyed at the Jemez hot springs. "I went up to the springs feeling pretty badly," said Mr. Graham, "and thought, 'and thought the whole world was against me. I worried over commercial affairs, and I received an idea that all was not right in my place of business, and told Colonel J. B. Block that I thought, in order to appease my mind, I should inquire into the matter.' I went to Albuquerque to the springs, and I could converse with the on business subjects. These ideas came into my brain before taking the baths, but one of those hot baths, with the temperature 140 degrees, knocked all such ideas out of my head, and in a couple of days I had forgotten all about worry and business, and was not nervous in the least. I heartily recommend the Jemez hot springs for all kinds of mental and physical ills. The human flesh is heir to."

Magdalena Has Resources. F. G. Bartlett, sheep raiser and shipper of Magdalena, is in the city on business, and hopes to get through so as to return south tonight. Mr. Bartlett states that Magdalena is one of the greatest shipping points for cattle and sheep in the southwest, and that at certain seasons of the year the Magdalena railroad yards are crowded with cars loaded with live stock awaiting shipment to the feeding pens of Chicago, Kansas City, and other big cities. Besides live stock, thousands upon thousands of pounds of wool leave Magdalena every spring and fall for the eastern wool buyers. Mr. Bartlett is here today to negotiate the sale of his spring clip of wool.

WINFIELD STRATTON MEETS DEFEAT ON GRAND CIRCUIT

G. H. Estabrook's Winfield S. Stratton, Colorado's greatest race horse, met his first defeat of the season last Friday at Windsor. On just across the line from Detroit, on the grand circuit. He finished fourth in the 2:06 pace that was won by Hazel Patch. The three heats were the fastest of the year, in 2:06, 2:06 1/2, and 2:07 1/2. Stratton finished third in the first heat, fourth in the second, and second in the third. Mack Mack, the Oregon son of McKinley, started in the 2:11 trot on the same day, being second in the three heats, each of which was trotted in 2:12 1/2.

UNSURPRISING INDECISION



FORFEIT PRESIDENT CLEVELAND HAS NOT FULLY DECIDED TO CONTINUE AS TRUSTEE OF THE EQUITABLE LIFE.—NEWS ITEM.

IMPORTANT INTERVIEW ON JOINT STATEHOOD

Facts Obtained that Show a Majority of Arizona People in Favor of Jointure.

Colonel W. H. Greer, president of the Albuquerque Traction company, and several other valuable local enterprises, returned to the city last night from California where he had spent several weeks ago on business and pleasure, accompanying Mrs. Greer to Los Angeles.

Colonel Greer was met at his Second street office this morning, and the following interview on joint statehood took place between him and The Citizen representative: "During my trip to California," said the gentleman, "I came in contact with prominent leaders of the bar and others, and was pleased to find that such men as ex-Attorney General of Arizona, Alvin K. Herring, and Colonel Herring of Tucson are radical advocates of joint statehood for New Mexico and Arizona, and both gentlemen stated that 95 per cent of the attorneys of Arizona were heartily in favor of that kind of statehood. They state that they are opposed to it, actuated by personal commercial motives, and that the city of Phoenix would be almost unanimous for jointure if the bill provided for that portion, thus leaving one in that portion known as Arizona. Colonel Herring claims that they have no argument against the jointure, other than that the capital would be removed from that territory, which would affect Phoenix commercially."

"Colonel Herring," continued Mr. Greer, "is the general solicitor for all the Phelps-Dodge interests in Arizona, and his remarks would indicate that the statements so persistently made by the anti-jointure people that the large mining interests of that territory would oppose jointure is not tenable. "My personal observation leads me to believe that the people of Arizona would ratify a joint statehood constitution, and in five years from the birth of the new state that it would be impossible to create a sentiment to separate. It is generally conceded by the Arizona people, whom I met on the trip, that the joint statehood bill would pass."

"The city of Los Angeles," continued Mr. Greer, "is growing like magic. It recalls to my mind the first time I went to that city, eighteen years ago, when Los Angeles was not as good a town as Albuquerque is today. It has increased in population since that time, 100,000 souls. This is an indication of the possibilities of our own little city, and I predict a remarkably healthy growth here in the next five years. And again, the climate of Los Angeles cannot be compared with our Rio Grande valley climate—it being hot and humid in the City of Angels, and it is needed to say I am glad to get back home."

Hon. E. J. Niles, prominently identified with the upbuilding of Los Angeles, accompanied Colonel Greer to the city, and will remain here a few days. He is looking into the present and future business prospects of the city for himself and a party of Los Angeles capitalists, and may become financially interested in the Duke City before returning to southern California. The gentleman was introduced at the Citizen office this afternoon by Colonel Greer, and he also stated that in conversations with Arizona people who visit Los Angeles, he is convinced that only a small per cent of them are opposed to joint statehood.

Mrs. W. H. Greer was left at Los Angeles, where she will soon be joined by her father, Colonel H. A. Jastro, of Bakersfield, Cal., and sister, Mrs. M. O. Chadbourne, of this city, after which the party will proceed to Portland and take in the Lewis and Clark exposition for a couple of weeks. Mrs. Chadbourne expects to leave for Los Angeles in a few days.

AGENTS OF NATIONAL LIFE ARE IN SESSION

Montpelier, Vt., July 26.—The Agents' association of the National Life Insurance company began its sixth annual meeting here today, with an attendance of about 150 agents from various parts of the country. The opening session was held this morning in Knights of Columbus hall. Joseph A. DeBoer, president of the company, delivered an address of welcome, to which response was made by E. P. Hamlin, president of the association. Several papers and addresses of interest to the insurance men were presented during the day. The sessions are to continue over tomorrow.

TO SWIM ENGLISH CHANNEL BUT FAILED

Dover, July 26.—Edward Heaton of Liverpool started from here today in an attempt to swim the channel, his intentions being to land near Calais. Conditions were favorable for the accomplishment of his task. No less than nine aspirants are now in training for channel honors.

Didn't Succeed. Later: Heaton failed in his attempt. He became ill after six hours' swimming and only covered about one-third of the distance.

Spelter. St. Louis, Mo., July 26.—Spelter, firm, \$5.40.

TAMMANY IS IN FAVOR OF McCLELLAN AGAIN

New York, July 26.—Pursuant to the call of Leader Charles F. Murphy, the members of the general committee of Tammany hall met at the Wigwam today and took the first steps in an enthusiastic endorsement of Mayor McClellan for a second term. In resolution intended as a reply to the invitation of the Citizens' union to join in a movement to non-partisanize the municipal government, the Tammany organization pointed to the record in office of Mayor McClellan, holding his administration up as a model of non-partisanship and making the assertion that McClellan has been more non-partisan in his conduct of public affairs than either Mayor Low or Mayor Strong.

RUSSIA'S ADMIRAL WAS OPERATED ON

Tokio, July 26.—Admiral Rojestvensky has undergone a successful operation. The wound in his forehead was opened and a small piece of bone removed. His condition is considered satisfactory.

CANADIAN PACIFIC SECURES GOOD INTERESTS

St. Thomas, Ontario, July 26.—It is stated on authority of railroad men that the Canadian Pacific has secured the control of Pere Marquette and may secure entrance to Chicago over the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton system. It is known that the Canadian Pacific has been trying to secure a better entrance to Buffalo and a line to Chicago.

She Went Sailing. New York, July 26.—Prices of cotton bunched up almost instantly today when the government report of the decrease was received on 'change. The gains ranged from 12 to 14 points, October reaching 11.17.

CHIEF OF POLICE HAS ARISEN FROM RANKS.

Chicago, July 26.—Mayor Dunne today appointed Captain John M. Collins as chief of police, vice Francis O'Neill, who resigned a few days ago. The new chief has risen from the ranks. He was patrolman in the front line of police at the time the anarchists' bomb was thrown in Haymarket square many years ago.

DIVORCE AND POLITICS ARE CLOSELY UNITED.

Paris, July 26.—The hearing of the suit for divorce brought by Maude Gonne, known as the Irish "Joan of Arc," against Major McBride, formerly of the Boer army, was opened before the civil tribunal of the Seine, Maitre Cruppe representing the wife and Maitre Lobori the husband. Maitre Cruppe severely denounced McBride's alleged unfaithfulness, and denied the husband's charge that his wife was not of genuine Irish birth. The case attracts much attention, owing to the prominence of the parties in connection with the Irish agitation.

St. Louis Wool. St. Louis, Mo., July 26.—Wool market steady; unchanged.

AMERICANS HELD FOR RECKLESS SHOOTING

They Injure Three Men While Hunting on Leased Estate, and House of Commons Considers Matter.

London, July 26.—A shooting case involving J. S. and H. C. Phipps, sons of Henry Phipps of Pittsburg, Pa., was again mentioned in the house of commons this afternoon. J. G. Galloway Weir, representing Ross and Cromarty, counties, Scotland, wanted the advocate for Scotland to take steps to prevent the defendants from fleeing from justice. The lord advocate, however, said he had every reason to believe that the Phippses would be ready to meet the charges brought against them. One of the young men, he understood, was now in Paris.

SUMMER SESSIONS OVER THE COUNTRY

Shooting, Tennis, Druggists, Firemen, Editors, County Officials and yet THERE ARE OTHERS BESIDES

THE LATEST REPORTS PUBLISHED

Pine Bluff, Ark., July 26.—Favorable conditions and a large attendance marked the opening today of the annual tournament of the Arkansas State Sportsmen's association. The tournament, which will continue over tomorrow, is being held under the auspices of the Pine Bluff Gun club. The contestants include a number of the most noted shots in the country.

MISSOURI VALLEY TENNIS CLUBS MEET

Kansas City, Mo., July 26.—Crack tennis players of Omaha, Sioux City, Topeka, St. Joseph and other cities are taking part in the annual championship tournament of the Missouri Valley Tennis association which opened today on the Dykington courts in this city. The high class of the players and the auspicious conditions surrounding the opening combine to give promise of the most successful tournament in the history of the association.

SOUTHERN DRUGGISTS HAVE AN INNING

White Stone Springs, S. C., July 26.—Prominent druggists from many of the chief cities and towns of the state are gathered here to take part in the annual convention of the South Carolina State Pharmaceutical association. The sessions began today and will continue over tomorrow. A wide range of subjects relating to the trade are slated for discussion.

OHIO VOLUNTEER FIREMEN MEET IN CONCLAVE

Salem, Ohio, July 26.—Salem is crowded with visitors who are here for the seventeenth annual convention and tournament of the Northeast Ohio Volunteer Firemen's association. The annual parade took place today and was witnessed by a large crowd. The tournament will conclude tomorrow with the usual prize contests and other amusements.

EDITORS AND WIVES MEET IN ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph, Mo., July 26.—About 200 editors, many of them accompanied by their wives and families, are here for the annual convention of the Missouri State Press association. Today was given over chiefly to the reception of the visitors, who will be entertained tonight at Lake Conrary. The business sessions of the convention will begin tomorrow and continue over Friday. The meeting promises to be one of the most notable ever held by the association.

COUNTY OFFICIALS MEET FROM ALL OVER GEORGIA

Bainbridge, Ga., July 26.—The association of county officials of Georgia met in annual convention here today. Those present included sheriffs, marshals, ordinaries, solicitors and other officials of a majority of the counties of the state. The time was spent largely in discussing matters pertaining to the duties of their respective offices. This evening the visitors went on an excursion down the river.

COLORED WOMEN IMITATE WHITE SISTERS

Minneapolis, Minn., July 25.—The Minnesota Federation of Colored Women's clubs began its first annual convention in this city today. Mrs. J. E. Gibbs of Minneapolis is presiding. Though it was organized but three months ago the federation already embraces fifteen clubs with an aggregate membership of 400. The convention will remain in session two days and will discuss plans for the promotion of the club movement.

STOCKHOLDERS MUST PAY FOR BANK FAILURE

Akron, Ohio, July 26.—The comptroller of the currency has ordered that the stockholders of the First National bank of Barborton, which went into bankruptcy some time ago, be assessed \$100 on each share. The amount to be collected is \$50,000. Engineer J. H. Ballou, of the Santa Fe coast line, accompanied by Mrs. Ballou, left last night for a trip to the Portland exposition. They expect to be gone about a month.

Goes As Expert. Vallejo, Calif., July 26.—John McMillan, employed at Mare Island navy yard as the most expert diver on the coast, left for San Diego today to examine the bottom of the Bennington. The naval tug, Unadilla, also left with the necessary apparatus. She will proceed to San Diego and will assist in towing the Bennington here.